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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF
PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) USUN 2855, (B) USUN 2862

1. EVEN BEFORE RECEIPT REFTEL A, EMBOFF RAISED WITH VICTOR SUMNER, PERM. SECRETARY MFA, POSSIBILITY GOSL UN MISSION WAS NOT FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS. SUMNER REITERATED FOR THIRD TIME THAT GOSL UN MISSION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED VOTE FOR DFERMENT, AND IF THAT DID NOT CARRY TO ABSTAIN ON CUBAN PROPOSAL. SUMNER ALSO MENTIONED THAT AT ONE POINT IN TELEX EXCHANGE BETWEEN GOSL UN MISSION AND MFA, UN MISSION OPERATOR STATED SHIRLEY GBUJAMA HAD ENTERED TELEX ROOM.

2. EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED EYA M'BAYO, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MFA, AND SOON TO BE NAMED DEPUTY PERM. REP. GOSL UN MISSION, OF SIERRA LEONE'S ABSTENTION ON VOTE. M'BAYO OBVIOUSLY TAKEN ABACK AND SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY SUMNER AND MINISTER CONTEH.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: POST BELIEVES INSTRUCTIONS AS INDICTED PARAGRAPH ONE WERE GIVEN TO GOSL MISSION. SUMNER ALWAYS
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HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ABOVE BOARD WITH EMBASSY AND DETAILS HE PROVIDED SUCH AS TIME OF TELEX CHANGE, SPECIFICS OF INSTRUCTIONS AND PRESENCE OF GBUJAMA IN TELEX ROOM APPEAR AUTHENTIC TO US. WE FEAR GOSL UN MISSION HAS FALLEN INTO WELL KNOWN AFRICAN HABIT OF ALLOWING ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH OTHER UN DELEGATIONS OVERRIDE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO HOME GOVERNMENT. USUN MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT AMB. GBUJAMA EARLIER HAD COMPLAINED

TO FORMER AMBASSADOR SAMUELS SHE NOT INVITED TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S WEEKEND PARTY AND WAS UNABLE OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS TO SEE GOVERNOR SCRANTON. IN LETTER TO SAMUELS, JAY KATZEN STATED CATEGORICALLY SHE WAS INVITED AND USUN MISSION HAD MET HER REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS.

4. IN VIEW OF PREVAILING SITUATION POST STRONGLY URGES USUN TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CONTEH AT EARLY DATE. CONTEH APPEARS TO BE HONEST, BRIGHT AND ARTICULATE MINISTER. WE ALSO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE CONTACTS WITH DEPUTY MINISTER HARRY WILLIAMS WHEN HE ARRIVES UN DURING LATTER HALF OF 32ND UNGA AND WITH EYA M'BAYO. END COMMENT. LINEHAN

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